

B1 semi-cylindrical element 5 whose diameter is somewhat larger than the diameter of the first semi-cylindrical element 1 and which has one side open and an end-wall 5' at its other end.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 6, and ending at page 7, line 21, with the following:

B2 As shown in Fig. 1b, a measuring operation is carried out by securing a liquid barrier 6 around the outer periphery of the first semi-cylindrical element and fastening said barrier around the upper edges. The elastic part 7 is directed towards the attachment of the semi-cylindrical element to the support plate b, and the liquid barrier material 8 is folded around the end-wall 1' of the first semi-cylindrical element 1 on the other side. The elastic part is fastened along the scale on the semi-cylindrical element so as to enable the available elongation or stretch to be read-off. The end-wall 5' of the second semi-cylindrical element 5 is placed against the end-wall 1' of the first semi-cylindrical element with said upfolded part of said barrier material 8 located therebetween and pressed thereagainst with the aid of a clamp 10, such as to obtain a small clearance 9 between the cylindrical walls. Synthetic urine is introduced through the vertical tube 3. The liquid barrier is first weighted down so as to fill the clearance between the semi-cylindrical elements. A liquid pressure is thereafter built-up against the elastic edge 7 at the same time as a liquid column is formed in the tubes 3, 4, where the pressure can be read-off. Liquid is introduced until leakage occurs at arrow B (Fig. 1c) at the breakthrough pressure.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 7-8 and 10-16 with the following:

B3 7. (Amended) An absorbent article that includes longitudinally extending side extremities, an absorbent body disposed between a liquid-impermeable bottom sheet, which is intended to lie distal from a wearer in use, and a liquid-permeable upper sheet which is intended to lie proximal to a wearer, and either:

Sub C1 1) at least one longitudinally extending elastic liquid barrier on each side of a center line of the upper sheet, the barrier being made of an essentially liquid-impervious material and